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METALZOIC

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BORAG THUNGG, EARTHLETS,

This prog's zarjaz wraparound cover was programmed in honour of *Metalzoic*, which even as we speak is screeching towards its shattering climax! Like the nine episodes that preceded it, the final instalment can be scanned again and again, each time allowing the Squaxx dek Thargo to spot something scrotnig which they hadn't spotted before. Eventually, of course, your circuits will pull themselves together, and they'll be ready for new thrills. When that moment comes, hit them with this prog's 8-page *Judge Dredd* story – "Attack Of The 50ft Woman!" – and while they're still reeling, follow it up with trailers for my new *Slaine* story and for *DICEMAN 5*...the first starting next week, the other on sale, by an amazing coincidence, any day now. All this and more from Tharg the Generous, editor of the galaxy's greatest comic!

SPLUNDIG VUR THRIGG!

THARG

WHAT DO ALIENS GET WHEN THEY'RE ILL?

Drawn by Earthlet Stephen Bradshaw, Bellshill, £10 Winner.



FINE ART ROBOT

Dear Tharg,

I thought I had to write and congratulate Art Robot Bryan Talbot on his fantastic artwork in *Nemesis the Warlock*. This is some of the best art yet to be seen in comics. From the moment Book VI started in Prog 481, the centre spread colouring was brilliant, outdoing any American comic. Please tell me the colourist's name, and also when we can expect to see the next chapter of Book VI.

From Earthlet Jon Cronin, Corby.
£5 Winner.

Art Robot Bryan Talbot was responsible for colouring his own artwork, and even now is working flat out on the return of *Nemesis* for my fabled Prog 500.

GRANNY KILCAST: KTT!

Dear Green One,

I would like to nominate my grandma for a Krill Tro Thargo. When I started reading 2000 AD, I ordered it from my local newsagent – but it didn't arrive on the morning it was due, so my grandma went and gave the newsagent a piece of her mind. It still didn't arrive, though, and again my grandma had to go and give him a piece of her mind! This happened once more, and then the prog finally arrived.

From Earthlet Matthew Kilcast, Effingham.
£5 Winner.

This senior Terran citizen has indeed shown herself worthy of the Krill Tro Thargo. The coveted award is on its way, and let's just hope she has enough of her mind left to recognise it when it comes.

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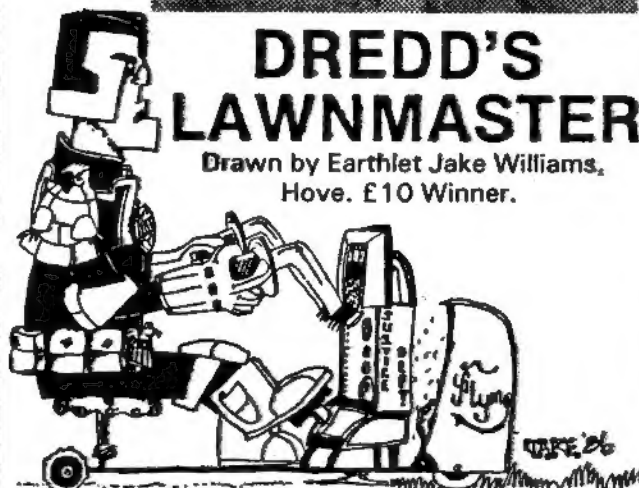
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ON FRONTIER PLANET MAYGER
MINOR —

FIRE! FIRE
IN THE BARN!

SCROGGY!

POD
FUEL!

Strontium DOG

MAYGER MINOR

PART 3

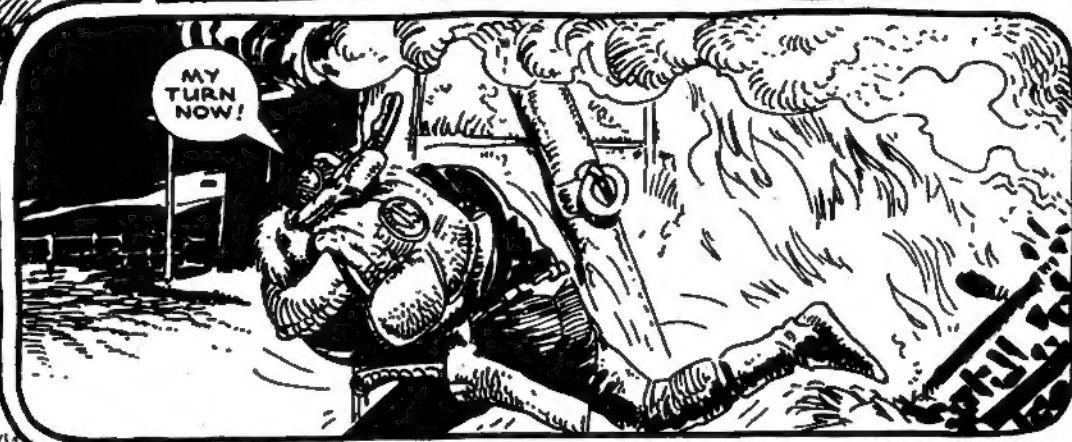
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GOIN' TO
STOP IT
SPREADIN'!

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SCROGGY!
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

MY MORK,
MA! IS
HE—?



HE'S ALL
RIGHT. MR
ALPHA
GOT HIM—

MR
ALPHA?

HE FINDS THEIR FOOTPRINTS IN THE SOIL
OUTSIDE THE BARN. THREE OF THEM...



CHINKY GOOBER AND HIS FRIENDS!



HA, HA,
HA, HA!

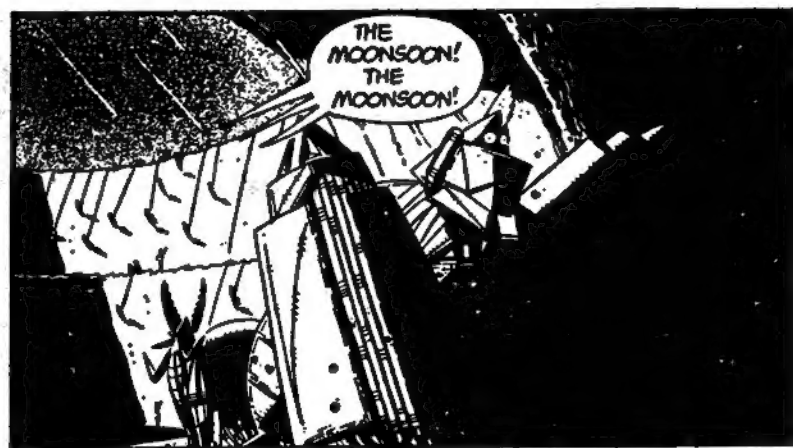
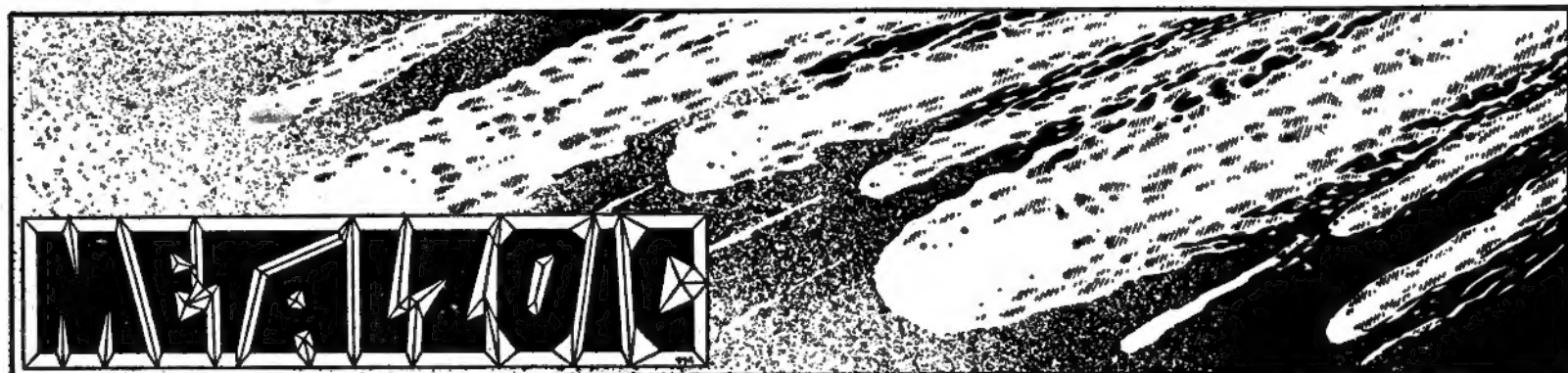
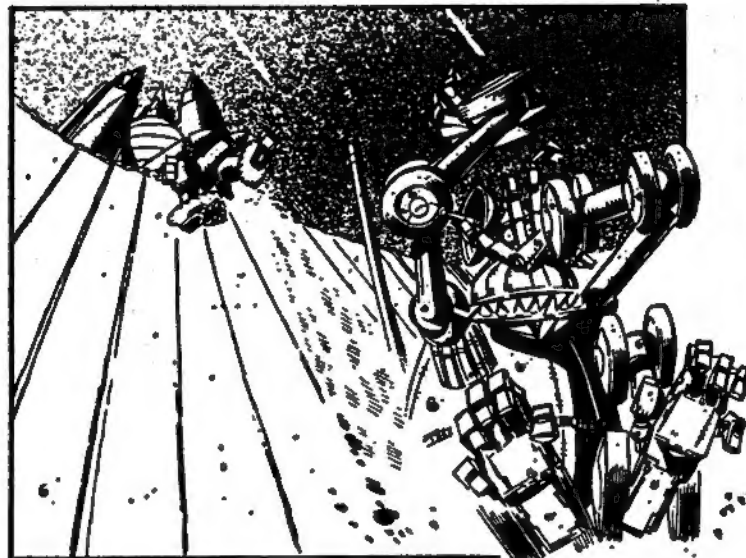
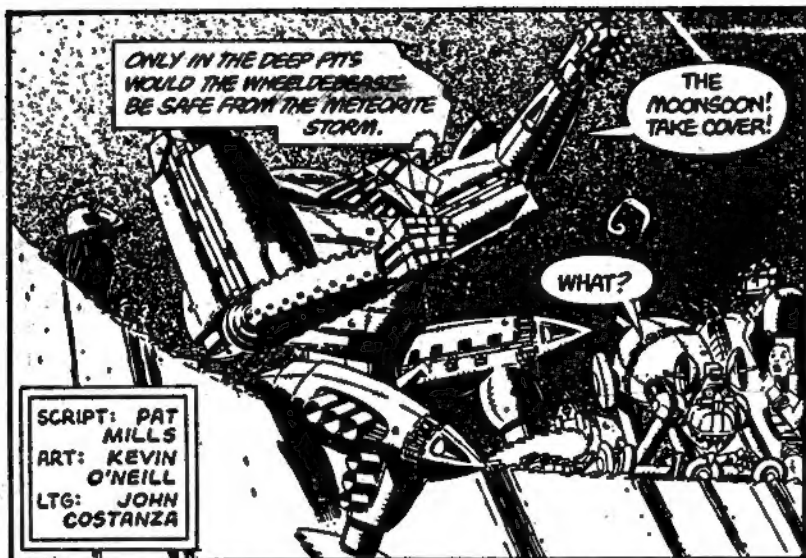




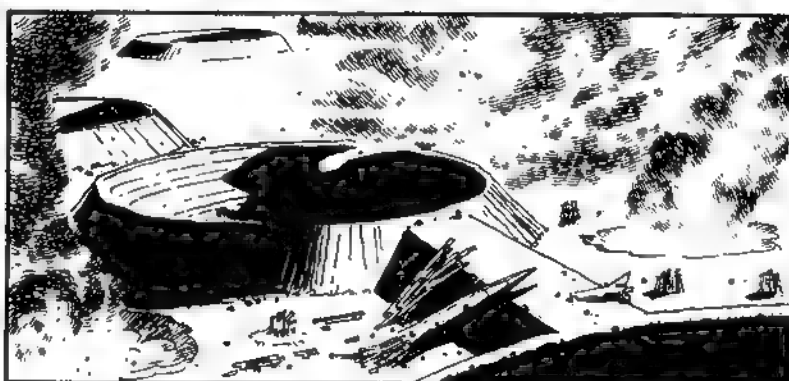
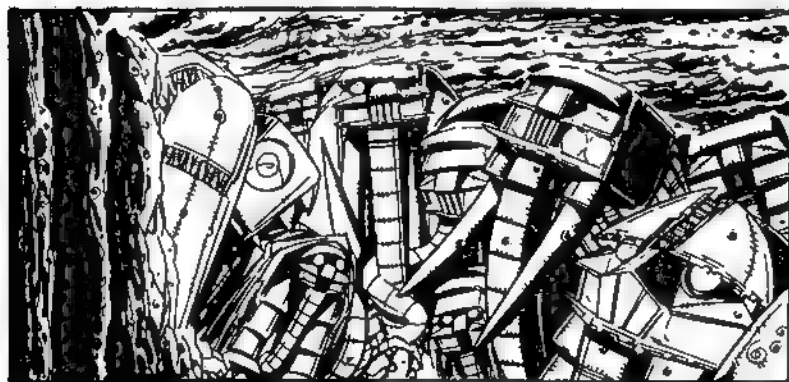
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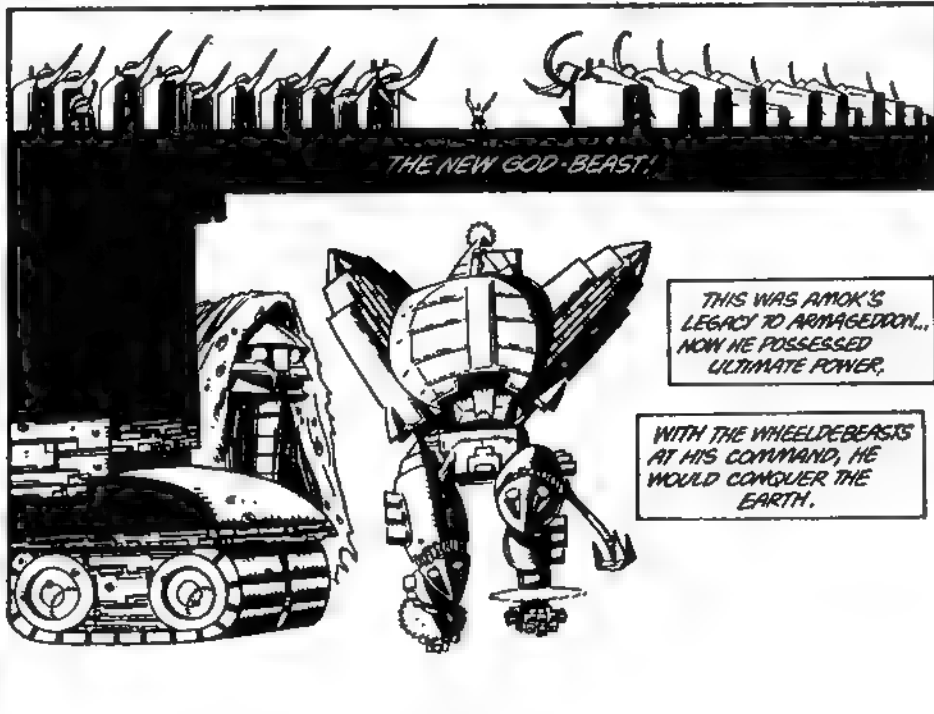
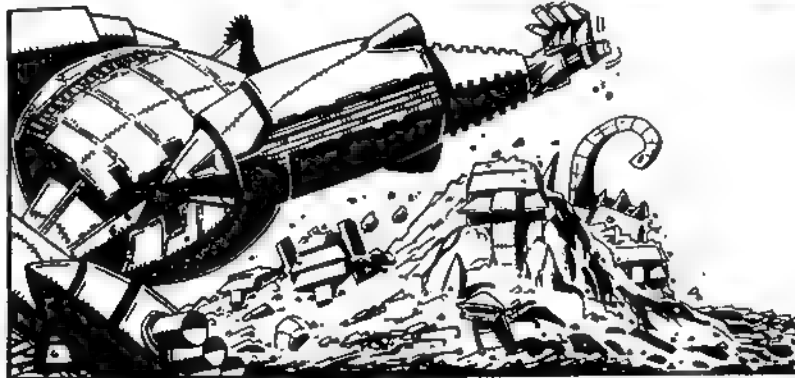
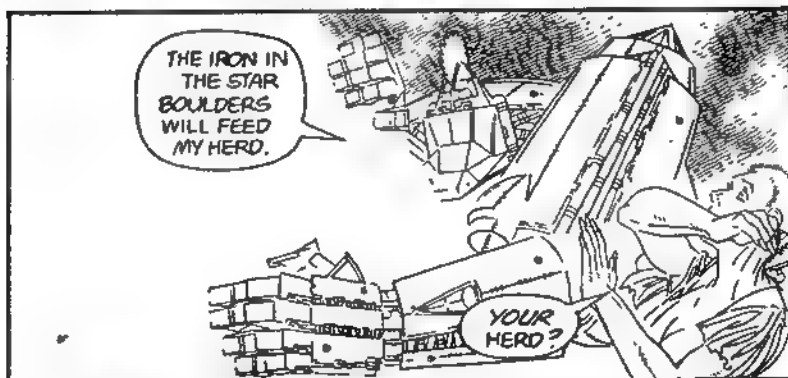
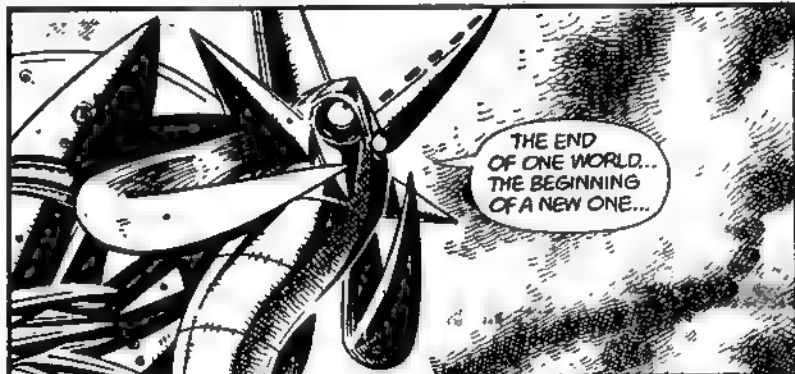
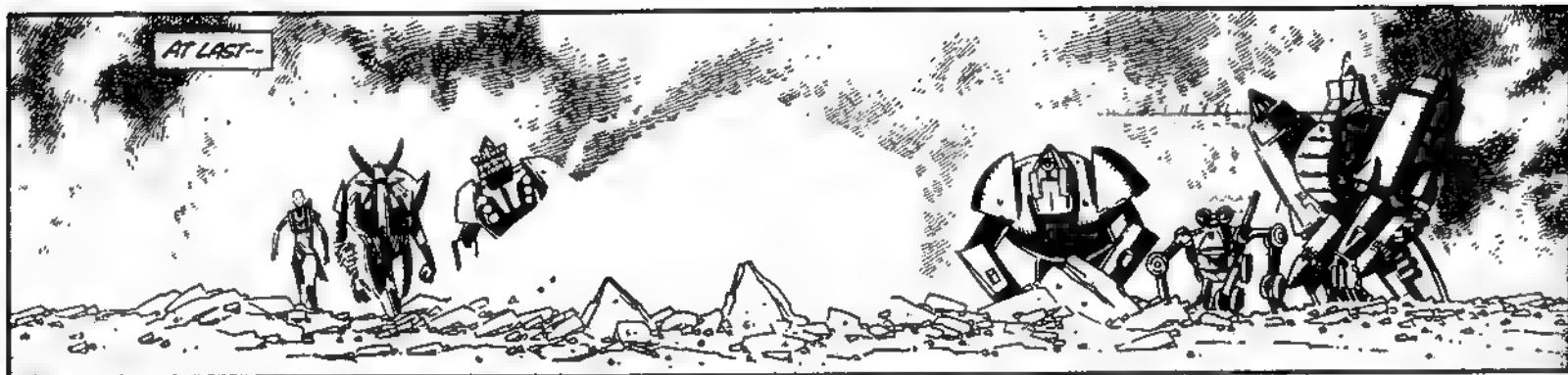


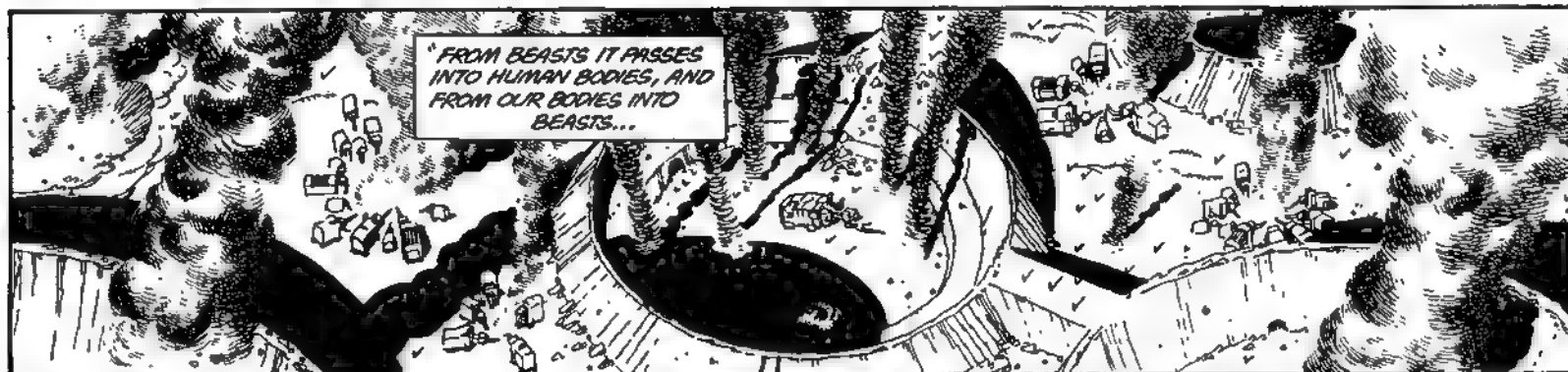
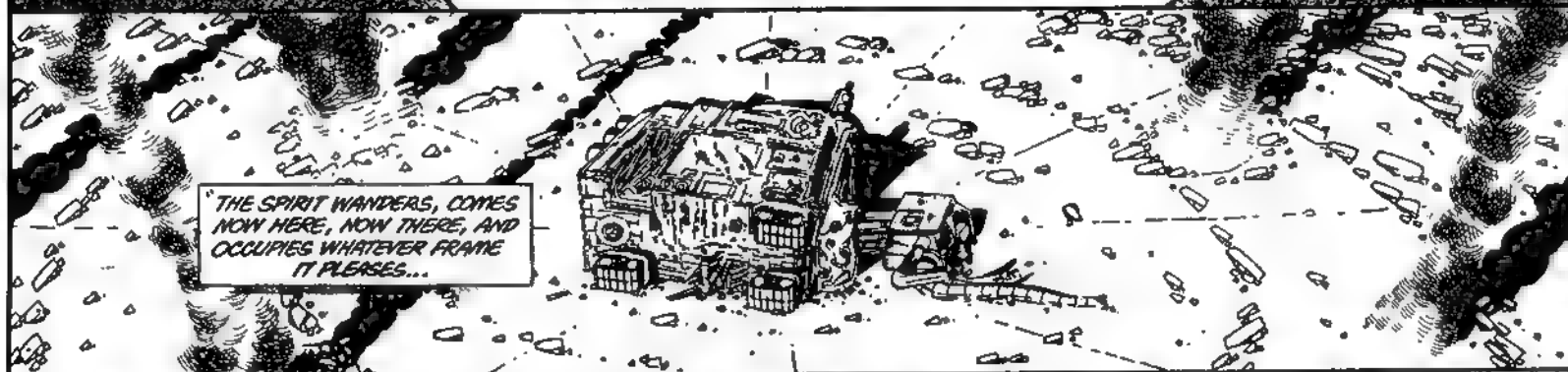
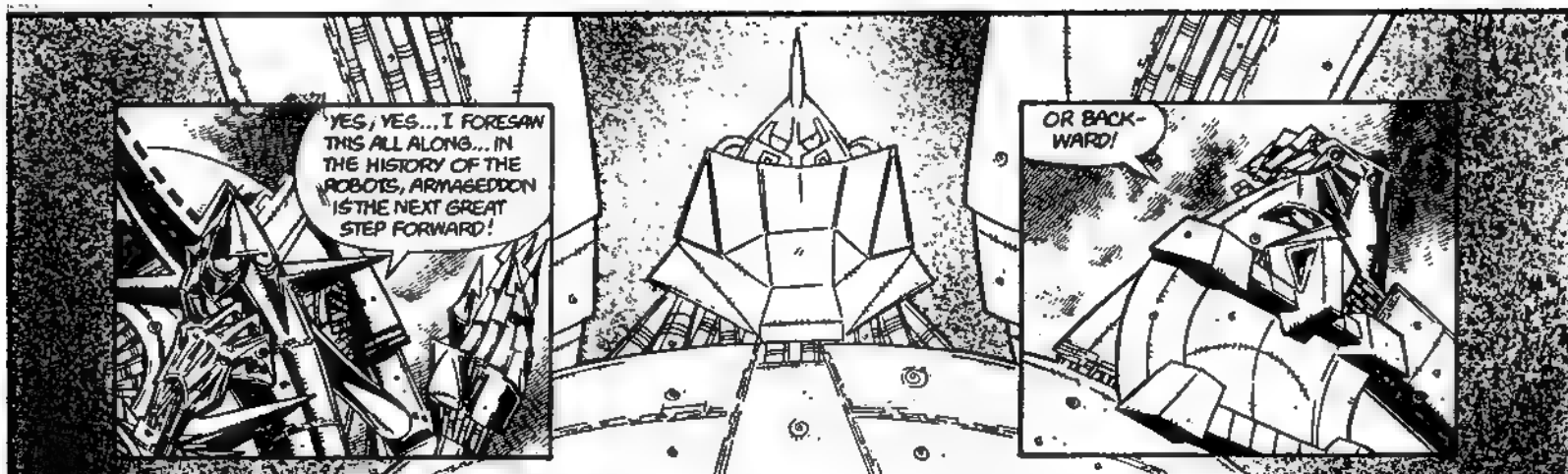












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SLAINE

The warped Celtic barbarian returns next week in his latest saga from the Land of the Young...

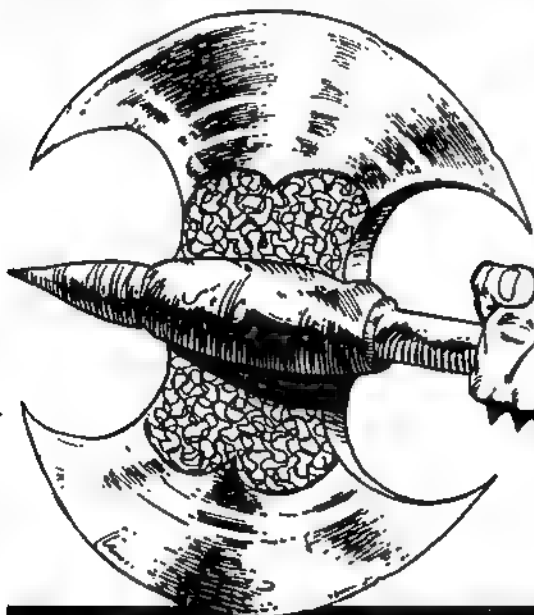
THE SPOILS OF ANNWN*

It has been foretold by Myrddin the Sorcerer that SLAINE will be crowned Sun King of his tribe...but first he must visit Glastonbury, the Glass Islands of the Dead, and enter THE TEMPLE OF THE STARS!

Guided by Nest, the sorcerer's apprentice, and accompanied by Ukko, his vile dwarf, SLAINE must make a ritual circle around the vast temple – coming face to face with the signs of the Celtic Zodiac, and performing a series of Herculean tasks to prove himself worthy of wearing the crown...and claiming the treasure of Annwn!

HEAVENS ABOVE, HEAVENS BELOW,
STARS ABOVE, STARS BELOW,
ALL THAT IS OVER, UNDER
SHALL SHOW.
HAPPY THOU WHO THE
RIDDLE READEST.
Ancient Rhyme.

*Annwn (pronounced 'Anoon'): The Underworld.



...DON'T
MISS THE
BOAT!



**THE EARTH QUEST
BEGINS IN PROG 493...**

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My dearest Belisha,
I'm sorry. Truly I am. I didn't mean it.
I just made a stupid mistake....

It was meant to be such a nice
surprise for you too, a great way
to start a great birthday....

BELISHA BECK?
SPECIAL DELIVERY!



UNI.BIO-
IT'S FROM
FRANK!

HE
REMEMBERED.
THE DARL!



I WONDER
WHAT...?



CANDY!
"CONCROHOR-"
MUST BE A NEW
BRAND!



MMMMMMMM!
IT'S DELICIOUS!



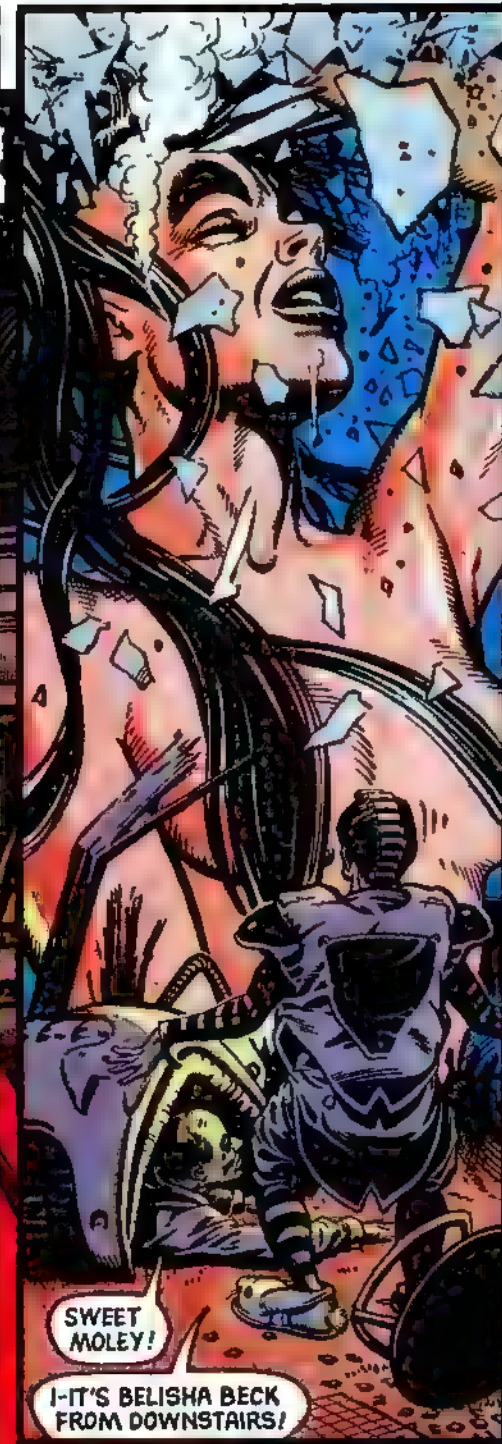
I guess it was a
surprise, too, eh!

WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME?



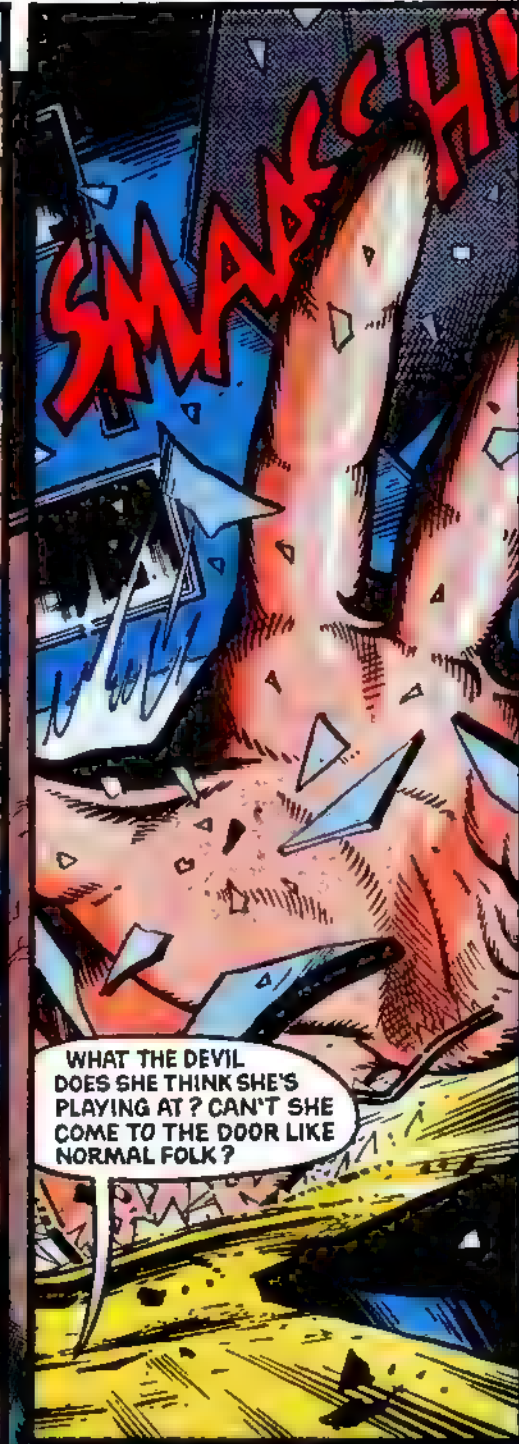
I mean it's not every day
somebody eats several dozen
grammas of Concentrated Growth
Hormone. In fact, to the best
of my knowledge, you were
the first...

I-I-I'M
G-G-GROWING!



SWEET
MOLEY!

I-IT'S BELISHA BECK
FROM DOWNSTAIRS!



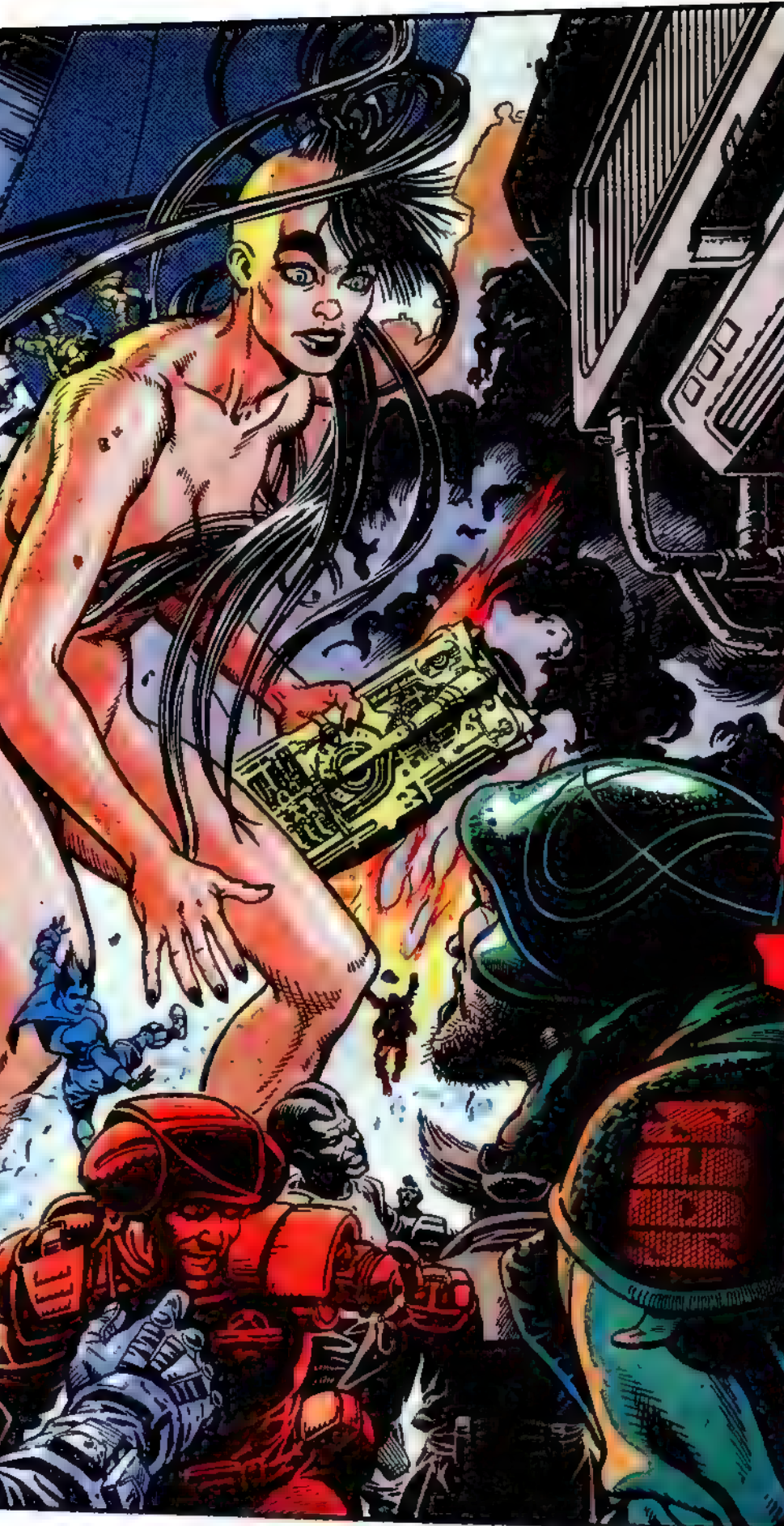
SMASH!

WHAT THE DEVIL
DOES SHE THINK SHE'S
PLAYING AT? CAN'T SHE
COME TO THE DOOR LIKE
NORMAL FOLK?



JUMPIN'
JEHO!

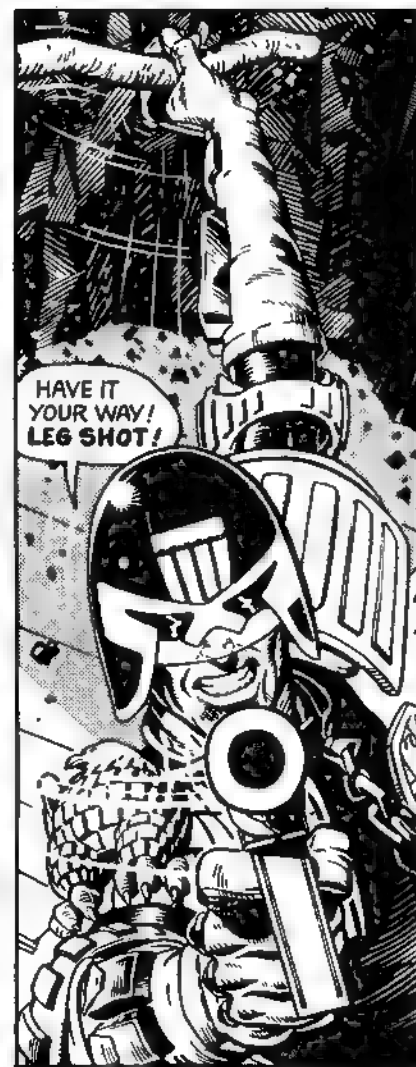
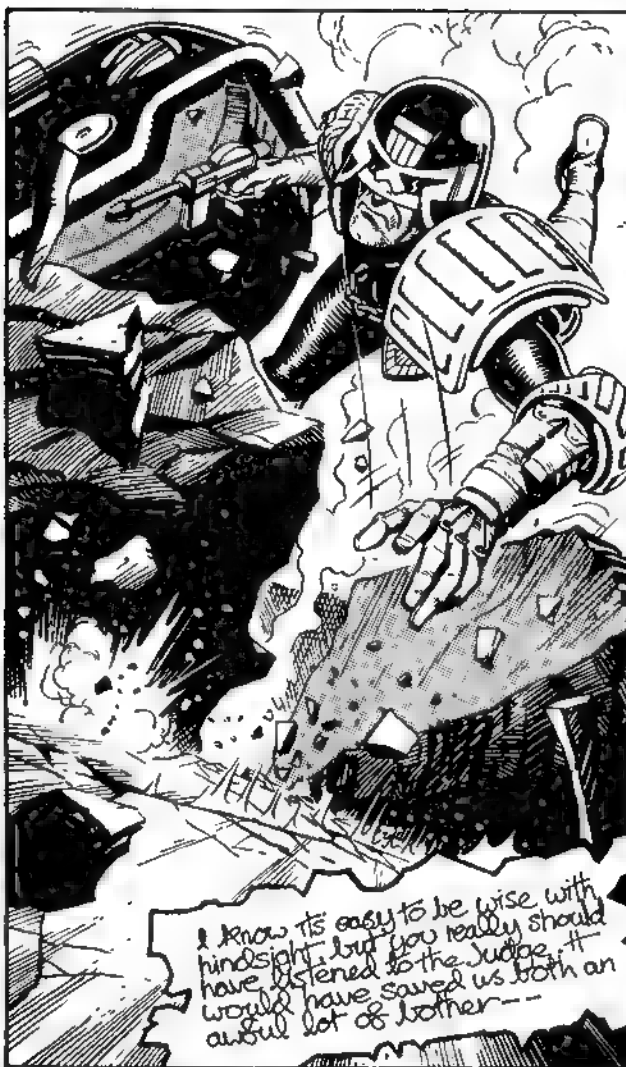
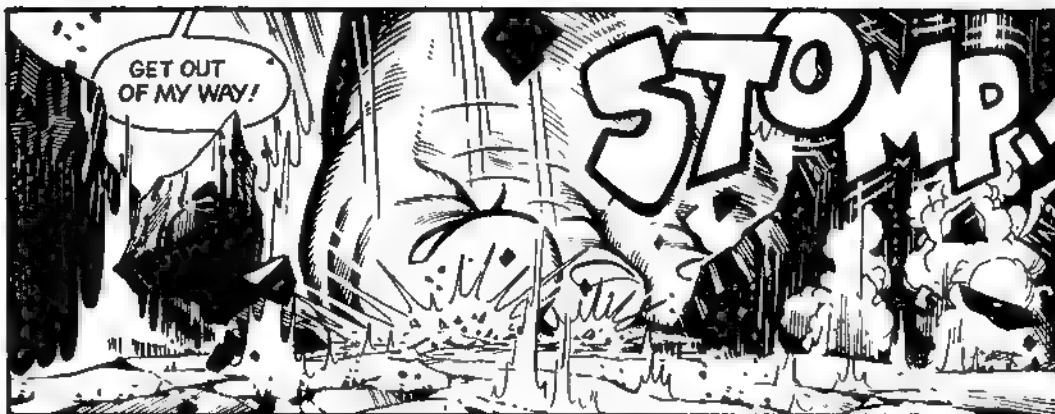
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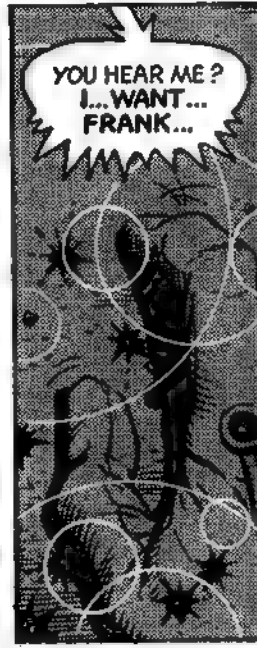
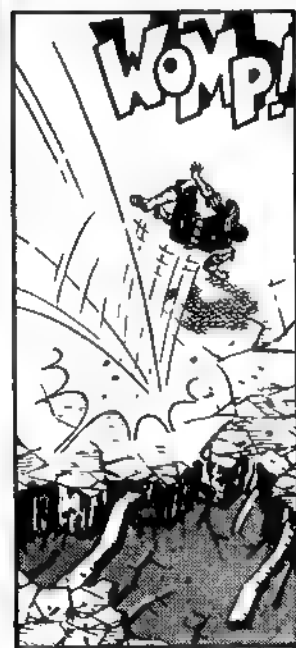


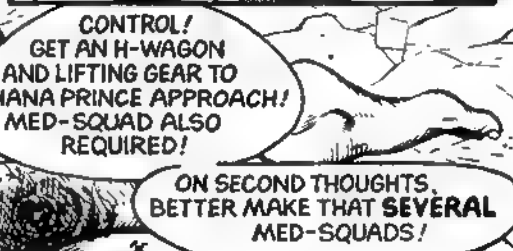
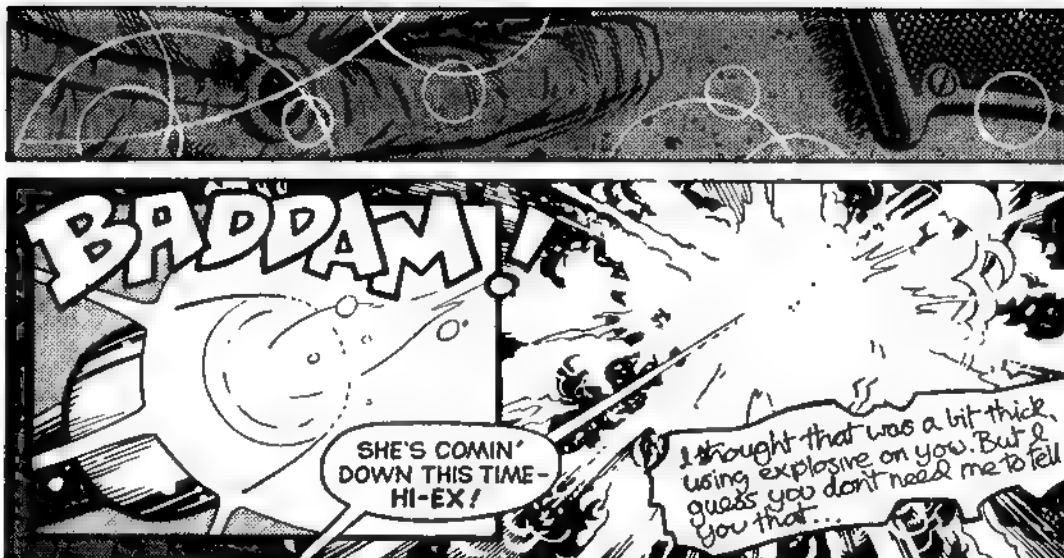
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OF THE
50
FOOT
WOMAN!

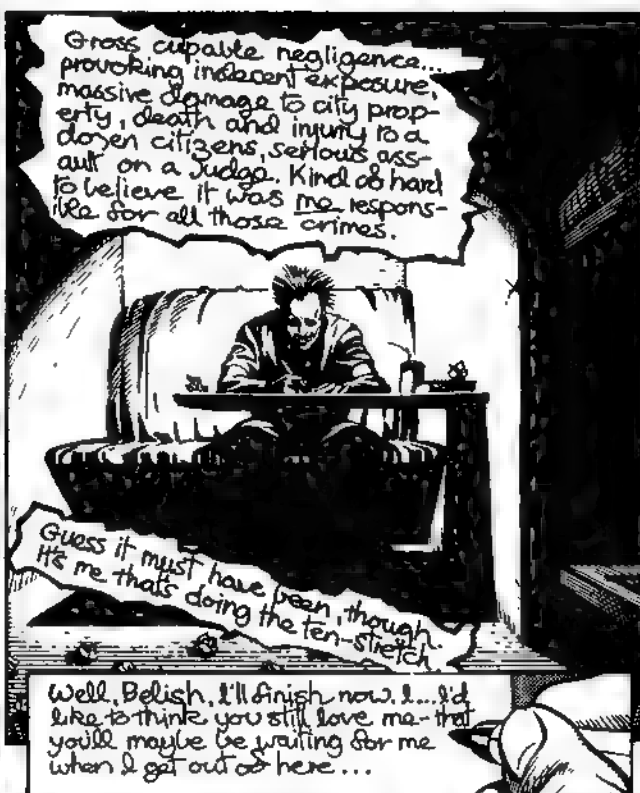












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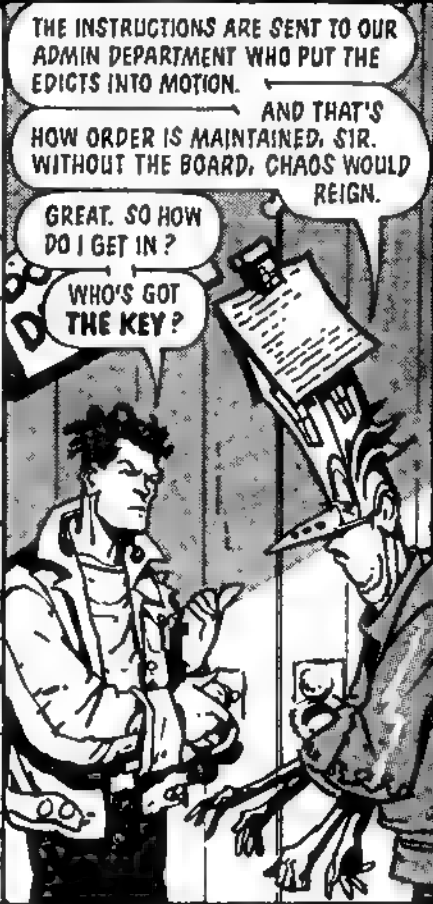
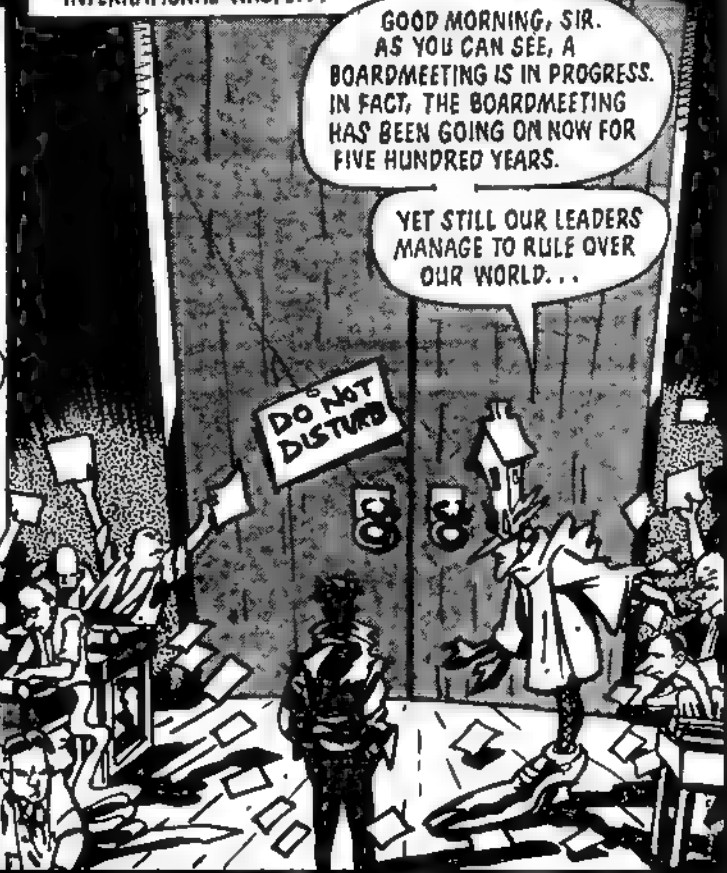
FRAME, Thomas (whereabouts unknown)
 Please contact MILLIGAN or MCCARTHY

THOUSAND, Two, or
 pink dwarves reg...
 little did they fo...

SOONER OR LATER



SWIFTY IS LIED INTO THE HALL OF SECS.,
 WHEREIN BROODS THE BOARDROOM OF
 INTERNATIONAL WASTE...



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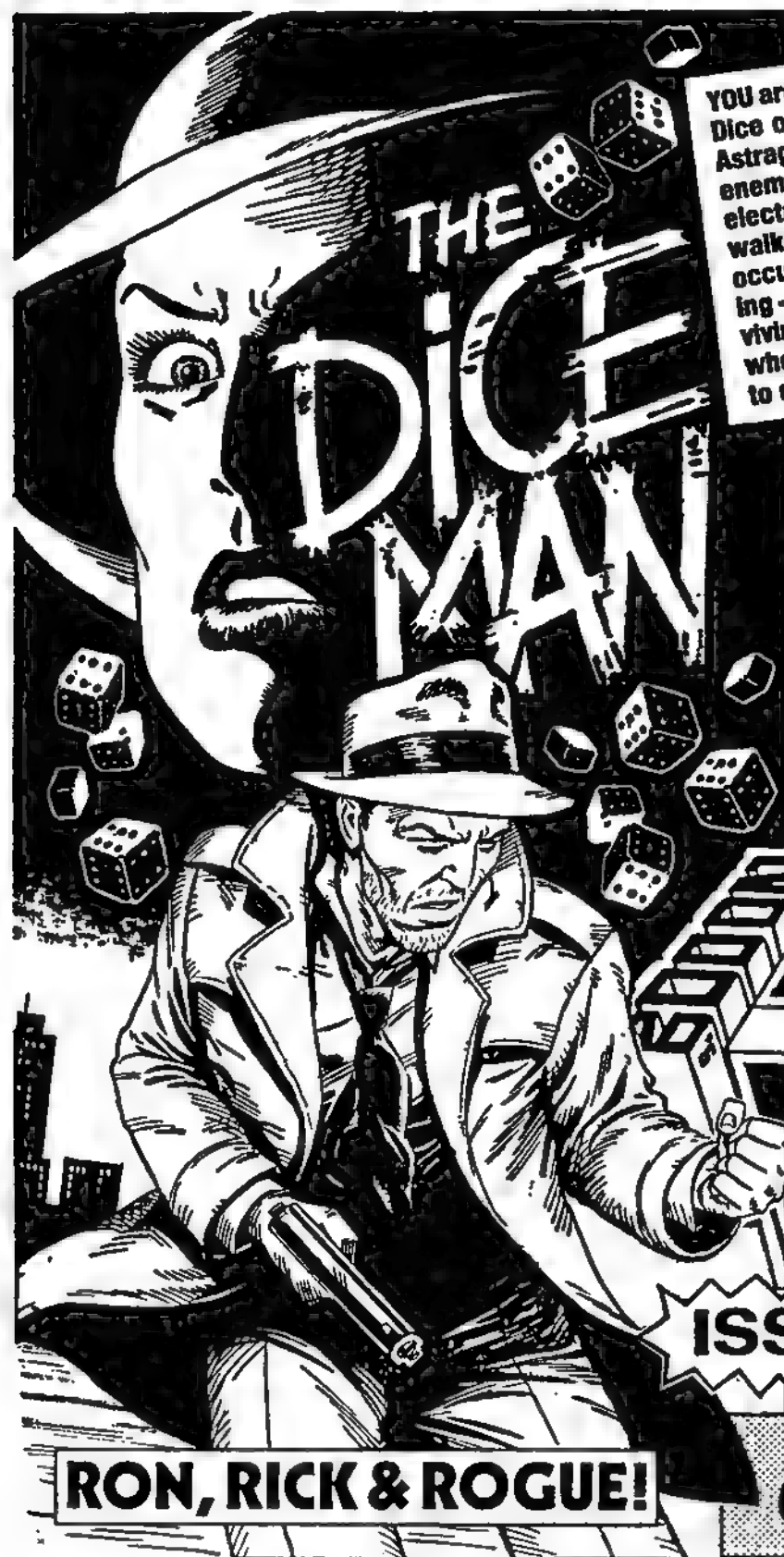


HE'S THE MOST FEARED
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ISSUE 5

RON, RICK & ROGUE!

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**ACE
TRUCKING
CO.** *The
Garpetbaggers*

SCENE 17: THE SEARCH FOR
THE BURIED TREASURE OF
MOVIEOLA BRINGS OUR
HEROES TO HORRORVILLE—
WHERE GODZILLA PUTS
IN A PERSONAL
APPEARANCE.



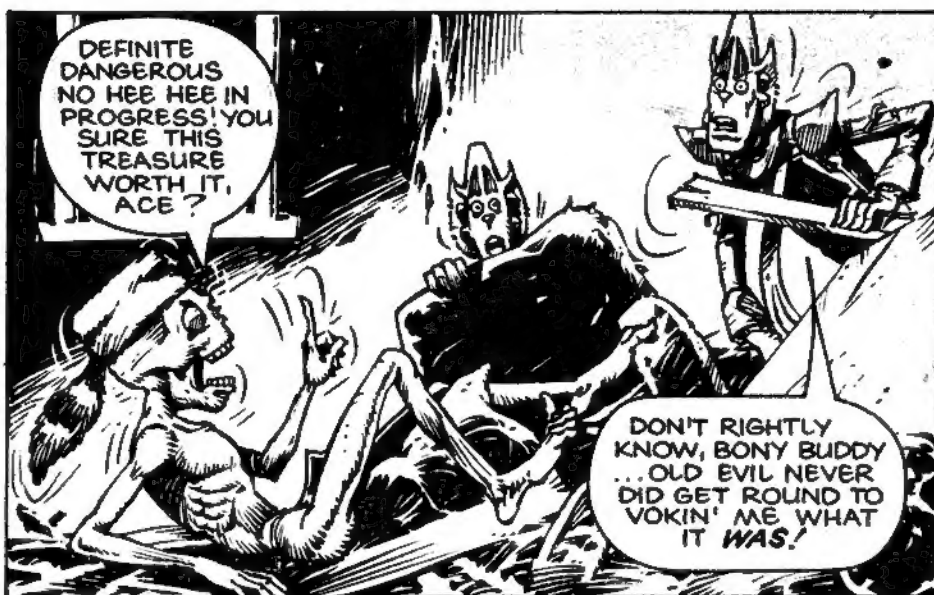
HE DON'T
LOOK TOO
BUNKY!

**BLAZERS
TO BIG
DADDY!**

OH NO
HEE HEE!

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GRANT GROVER
ART ROBOT
BELARDINELLI
LETTERING ROBOT
TONY JACOB
COMPU-73C







AND ABOVE THE
TREMBLING
HEROES, TWO
BEHEMOTHS
CLASHED.



BREAKER
BREAKER THERE,
THARGY BUDDY!
NEVER MIND EVIL
GUTS - ANY CHANCE
YOU CAN WRITE
US OUTA THIS
STORY?



SCENE 18: NO CHANCE!



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TOWER AWAITS!

魔法の呪文が、
MAGIC CAN DO MUCH
BUT I CANNOT MAKE
US FLY AND PICK
LOCKS - BURIA, THIS
IS YOUR JOB !!

HOW DO
WE GET IN?
THE FRONT DOOR
IS UP THERE!

AND THE
WALL IS LIKE
GLASS !!

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